

Twinning Events 2003 / 2004

Event	Aims	Benefits for the Borough	Estimated costs
<p>April 2003 Work experience placements for two students from Witten for two weeks plus one school placement for two weeks</p>	<p>To provide pupils from Witten with the opportunity to gain an insight into employment opportunities in the single European Market and to improve their English language knowledge. To enable a pupil from Witten to experience the English school system first hand and to improve her English</p>	<p>Additional low-cost work capacity. Opportunity to build racial harmony by enabling local people to meet ‘real Germans’ and shed stereotype opinions</p>	<p>Total cost to Borough £460 plus officer time</p>
<p>April 2003 Work experience placement for officer from Twinning and PR Department in Tczew (Joanna Cwiklik)</p>	<p>To enable officer from Tczew Council to familiarise herself with project management, mainly in the Council’s Planning Dept. (Regeneration of Barking Town Centre, new school etc.), to help prepare Tczew Council for Poland’s accession to the European Union in 2004 and to improve the officer’s English language knowledge.</p>	<p>To build on the relationship between the Borough and Tczew</p> <p>Opportunity for Council officers to learn about Polish working practices. Encourages racial harmony. Opportunity for reciprocal visit by officer from Barking and Dagenham.</p>	<p>Total cost to Borough £500 plus officer time</p>
<p>7th – 15th June Cycling trip to the Bavarian Forest</p>	<p>To promote good relations between sports people in Witten, Beauvais and the Borough</p>	<p>Enabling cyclists to share their interest, disband prejudices and share experiences</p>	<p>Administration costs not in access of £20 plus officer time</p>
<p>June Visit by Witten fishermen to LBBD</p>	<p>To support the good relations between the Witten Sportfischerverein and the White Hart Angling Club</p>	<p>To demonstrate that groups of like-minded people sharing common interests are able to enjoy friendship, despite often not having a common language.</p>	<p>Estimated cost to Borough £200 plus officer time, not taking into account income to Butler Court</p>

		To enable them to meet and socialise with residents of the Borough, promoting racial harmony. Income to the Borough by renting rooms in Butler Court.	
25th – 29th June Meeting in Beauvais for representatives from Youth Parliaments, for two members of Youth Forum, probably plus one adult	To encourage young people to become interested in political structures and to use their vote. To exchange ideas with representatives from Beauvais (France), Witten (Germany), Tczew (Poland), Dej (Romania) and Maidstone (UK) and to discuss facilities and opportunities for young people in those towns. To give young people the opportunity to work and live with people from other cultures, to broaden their views.	Gives young people an incentive to be involved in the Youth Forum and the political system and enables them to exchange views with like-minded people of a similar age.	Estimated cost to Borough £600 plus officer time
Summer Work shadowing at local GPs surgeries by medical students from Witten	To enable four medical students from Witten the opportunity to shadow local GPs for a period of four weeks each	Extension of the Borough's continuing project to recruit German GPs to work in the Borough.	Administration costs not exceeding £25 plus officer time
18th – 21st July Dagenham Town Show	This is the annual 'Civic' function in which the Mayor receives the Bürgermeister of Witten and the President of Tczew or their representatives plus other Members and officers to familiarise themselves with the Borough and to discuss future projects. It is recommended that as in the	Gives town twinning a political continuity by allowing Leaders, Mayors, Members and officers to meet and be familiarised with projects and priorities in the Borough. Frequently encourages the new Mayor to become interested and involved in town twinning, often having continued involvement in	Estimated cost to Borough £3,500 plus officer time See 2.2 of report for breakdown of costings

	<p>previous two years, representatives from Witten's Israeli twin town Lev Hasharon are also invited</p> <p>To promote Town Twinning to the residents of the Borough by a display in the marquee aiming to encourage Borough Pride and raise the profile of the Borough</p>	<p>twinning activities when their mayoral year ends.</p> <p>Promotes town twinning to residents of the Borough, demonstrating the wide range of activities it embraces. Encourages residents to become involved.</p> <p>Gives Town Show visitors the opportunity to win a hamper of German and continental food, by winning twinning quiz about twinning activities</p>	
<p>31st July – 9th August Adventure holiday in Russia</p>	<p>To participate in canoeing, camping and other outdoor activities with representatives from Witten's other twin towns. To further international understanding.</p>	<p>Gives residents of the Borough the opportunity to participate in an adventure holiday and to experience rural Russia</p>	<p>Administration costs not exceeding £25 plus officer time</p>
<p>2nd – 9th August Music for the Blind and Disabled Trust Band visit to Witten</p>	<p>Enables disabled and able-bodied people to provide musical entertainment together and to meet their long-standing partner band in Witten to perform at concerts together</p>	<p>Promotes Barking and Dagenham's inclusion policy in an international context</p>	<p>Administration costs not exceeding £20 plus officer time</p>
<p>4th – 18th August Youth camp at Edersee, Germany</p>	<p>To enable up to 15 Borough youngsters aged between 8 and 12 the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities together with representatives</p>	<p>To give children who might otherwise not have the opportunity to have a holiday abroad the chance to meet children of different cultures</p>	<p>Cost of residential activity programme 225 Euros per child, plus cost of travel to Witten</p>

	from Witten's other twin towns	and to participate in outdoor activities.	Estimated cost to the Borough £2,000 plus officer time
5th – 7th September Witten Onion Festival	To enable the Mayor and Mayoress/Consort plus up to two Members/officers to visit Witten, to get to know the town and to meet twinning representatives	Gives town twinning a political continuity by enabling Mayors, Leaders, Members and officers to meet and be familiarised with projects and priorities in Witten. Frequently encourages the Mayor to become interested and involved in town twinning, often continuing that involvement after the end of the mayoral year.	Cost to the Borough £900 plus officer time See 2.2.3 of report for breakdown of costings
October Work experience students from Holzkampgesamtschule Witten	To provide pupils from Witten with the opportunity to gain an insight into employment opportunities in the Single European Market and to improve their English language knowledge	Additional low-cost work capacity. Opportunity to build racial harmony by enabling local people to meet 'real Germans' and shed stereotype opinions	Estimated cost to the Borough £760 plus officer time
Ongoing Project between Dagenham Priory School, Holzkamp School, Witten and possibly Beaumont School, Beauvais	To encourage pupils and teachers from all schools to work together on mutually beneficial projects and to further international understanding. School Council representatives will meet up and there are plans for a sports and arts forum in Trewern. Email friendships are to be encouraged.	To give pupils the opportunity to work together on projects or activities which do not require knowledge of a common language, to achieve international understanding by working together with pupils and teachers of different nationalities.	Administration costs not exceeding £25 plus officer time